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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Eberhard HERTER)
Appln. No. : TBA)
Filed : January 31, 2002)
For : MESSAGE NETWORK)

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and

entered

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1 as follows:

→Message Network

The present invention relates to a communication network for the design and operation of individual communication connections.

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Background of the Invention

Such communication networks are presently operating in a variety of designs and for various applications.